

Andrew Jackson, September 14, 1835, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THOMAS P. BARTON.

Washington, September 14, 1835.

Instruct Mr. Barton to address an official note to the French Minister inquiring whether their charge de affairs of France here (in the U. S.) has communicated to him the fact that the american Government have appointed an agent in Paris to receive the indemnity according to the terms of the Treaty. If the answer be in the affirmative, then let Mr. Barton address to the French Minister a second note informing him that Baron Rothchilds is now ready, as the agent of the Government of the U.States to receive the sum due etc. If the answer be in the negative let him give the information officially and state that Rothschild is ready to receive the mony.

If the money is not paid or answer given in three days let him adress another note referring to the preceeding ones, and stating that he is instructed to inquire for the satisfaction of the Government and for the last time, when payment may be expected, and if the money is not paid or notification that it will be paid within five days after the delivery of this last note, then, let him notify them that from the lapse of time since the appropriation, the failure to answer his notes or to say when payment will be made agreeably to the stipulation of the Treaty he is compelled to view their whole conduct as an open violation of the Treaty and a virtual refusal to comply with it, and he therefore demands his pasports to return to his Government and make report to it so that it may adopt such measures as it may deem proper and fit on this occasion, and such as justice to our citizens and our national character may demand.

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Forbid him to discuss any question which has refference to an explanation of the Presidents message, and instruct him to say, if that matter be adverted to in any letter from the French minister, that the united states do not recognise the right of Foreign states to hold their government responsible for any language held by any of the Individuals employed in its administration, to other branches of its own administration or government, and that the discussion of any such pretensions on the part of France, is expressly prohibited by his instructions.

[*Indorsement:*] recd. and the information that Mr. Pajout had advised his Govt. that Barron Rothchild's was appointed agent—this part was superceded etc. to be retained, private files.